

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the last few days, we have received an increasing number of requests from parents for childcare. I would like to remind parents that the Government has asked parents to keep their children at home and has asked schools to remain open **only** for those children who absolutely need to attend.

The very few children who are currently attending school are children of families whose work is critical to the Covid-19 response or meet the vulnerable criteria. If you are a critical worker, you work in one of the critical sectors listed below:

- Health and social care
- Education and childcare
- Key public services
- Local and national government
- Food and other necessary goods
- Public safety and national security
- Transport
- Utilities, communication and financial services

The full government document can be found here: www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision?fbclid=IwAR03fBWaF2A6d_j4OrgjY6efl5rG0_joC87CmaN-ngETuJKpibYWlx5xWE

We are still following Government guidelines, which state that if it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they must be, either with you or with a family member. If your job is not on the Government list, we cannot offer your child a place in school at this time.

I know that there is a lot of speculation in the press and I know that many of you are keen to get back to work. We are all really missing the children and cannot wait to see them, but we must continue to follow the government advice closely to ensure that we can keep your children and the school staff safe. This information/guidance may well change over the coming week; if/when it does we will be sure to keep parents informed. Thank you for your ongoing support.

New EYFS children 2020

Our **New EYFS Starters** page on our school website is now live- over the coming weeks we will be adding some more useful information, if you have a child who is due to start at our school, please do have a look!



VE Day

Since 1945, the end of World War 2 in Europe has been marked by Victory in Europe Day, better known as VE Day. On 8th May 1945, Prime Minister Winston Churchill made an announcement on the radio at 3pm that the war in Europe had come to an end, following Germany's surrender the day before. This year, the 8th May 2020 will mark 75 years since the first VE Day!

Until the current Covid-19 crisis struck, there had been plans to stage celebratory events and street parties in many places; we would certainly have been marking the occasion at school. Sadly, all plans have had to be cancelled but many will have chosen to celebrate virtually! Holding video parties, decorating their homes or baking to celebrate whilst we are all in lockdown!



Below are links to some ideas to use at home and a short video to watch together.

Web Links

Ideas and activities to celebrate VE Day at home

<https://ve-vjday75.gov.uk/toolkit/>

Useful Video – What is VE Day and how can we celebrate this year?

<https://bit.ly/2Ws7NtU>

However you choose to mark the day, remember, stay safe and stay at home.

Regards,

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